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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 2945

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON

SUBJECT: ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON APPROACHING BELGRADE  
MEETING

REF: MONROVIA 2842

DURING MEETING CITED IN REFTEL AMBASSADOR TROFIN CONTINUED DISCUSSION HE HAD BEGUN AT EARLIER MEETING IN WHICH HE REITERATED HOPE THAT BELGRADE CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR NATIONS TO FIND FORMULAS ON WHICH THEY COULD AGREE AND NOT USE OCCASION FOR CONFRONTATION.

2. TROFIN IN BOTH DISCUSSIONS, WHILE BEING VERY GENERAL, SEEMED DETERMINED TO SUGGEST THAT USG SHOULD NOT BE SO HARD PRESSING ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AS TO PLACE IN JEOPARDY THE HELSINKI ACCORDS. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE AT BELGRADE TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE AREAS IN WHICH THERE IS A GREATER MEASURE OF AGREEMENT THAN ON "MATTERS WHICH DIVIDE US AND WHICH WILL TAKE MANY, MANY YEARS TO WORK OUT."

3. I TOLD MY COLLEAGUE I WAS SATISFIED USG WOULD BE APPROACHING BELGRADE REVIEW MEETING IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY. OBSERVERS HAVE NOTED, I SAID ALSO, IMPROVEMENT IN SOME ASPECTS  
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OF FREEDOM OF DEPARTURE BY ROMANIAN CITIZENS AND AMELIORATION OF CERTAIN MINORITY PROBLEMS WHICH BOTH OF OUR NATIONS EXPERIENCED.

4. I INDICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT I DID NOT SHARE HIS APPREHENSION THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE A NEGATIVE ONE AND SUGGESTED THAT THOSE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE PROGRESS TO REPORT

SHOULD DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR EXAMPLE MAY BE HELPFUL TO OTHERS. MY COLLEAGUE SEEMED A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN I POINTED OUT THE SIMILARITY OF MINORITY PROBLEMS WHICH BOTH HIS COUNTRY AND MINE HAVE EXPERIENCED EVEN THOUGH I CONGRATULATED OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE.

5. WE AGREED TO DEFER FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT AND TO LEAVE IT IN THE HANDS OF OUR RESPECTIVE BELGRADE DELEGATIONS.  
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